

I am writing to oppose the effort to add a "broadcast flag" to digital TV signals.

Regardless of the issues Hollywood has raised (and piracy IS a legitimate issue), the fact of the matter is that the "broadcast flag" is nothing more than an effort to legislate severe limits on innovation and "fair use" through technological means. Fair Use is pointless in practice if the technologies through which content is delivered do not allow it. Moreover, no one special interest group -- Hollywood or anyone else -- should be allowed to dictate the terms by which future, potentially innovative technologies should or shouldn't be used. Ultimately, this is an issue that needs to be decided by elected officials directly beholden to the public -- and not rich media interests beholden to no one.